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The level of tank production in the U.S.A. towards the end of the first half of this year has dropped in comparison with the end of last year. To this the following facts bear witness: The two biggest tank factories, CHRYSLER and FISHER BODY, both in DETROIT, in the months of April and May were working at 40-50% of the maximum reached by them of about 1000 medium tanks apiece monthly. At the same time at CHRYSLER up to 50% of those to be found in the assembly shop are tanks of past

[10 five-digit groups unrecovered]

. The BALDWIN tank factory is working at 70% of production capacity[.] At the tank arsenals in CHESTER and TOLEDO a great quantity of tanks and other combat vehicles is standing immobile.

Information from personal observations of mine and

[23 digits unrecoverable]